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SUBJECT: OPIC INVESTMENT INCENTIVE AGREEMENT

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- 1. LONG AFTER EMBASSY HAS ASSUMED THAT QUESTION OPIC AGREEMENT WAS DEAD LETTER, FONMIN TOOK INITIATIVE FURTHER TO DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL. EMBASSY PRESENTED REASONING CONTAINED IN REFTEL IN RESPONSE TO POINTS RAISED EARLIER BY OMANIS. IN ADDITION, WE REVIEWED SOME OF GROUND PREVIOUSLY COVERED.
- 2. FOLLOWING TWO SUCH SESSIONS, FONMIN NOTIFIED US ON FEB 11 THAT OMANGOV IS PREPARED TO SIGN AGREEMENT ON BASIS OF PRESENTLY NEGOTIATED TEXT. ADDITIONAL PHRASE AUTHORIZED IN PARA 3 OF 75 STATE 100252 WILL BE INCLUDED. TENTATIVE PLANS CALL FOR FINAL REVIEW OF OUR NOTE WITH FONMIN OFFICIALS ON FEB 14, AT WHICH TIME PLANS WILL BE MADE FOR SIGNING CEREMONY.
- 3. ACWUON REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE PRIORITY CABLE RESPONSE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS SATURDAY, FEB 14, IF THERE IS ANY IMPEDIMENT (CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY, ETC.) TO EXCHANGE OF NOTES. IS ARABIC TEXT REQUIRED? (EMBASSY ASSUMES NOT, SINCE NO MENTION INCLUDED IN TEXT RE COEQUAL STATUS OF LANGUAGE VERSIONS.) WOLLE

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